

March is Women's History Month, and the New Hampshire farming community has a lot to celebrate. New Hampshire has the second highest percentage of women farmers, after Arizona. Between 2002 and 2007, the number of farms in the state operated by women has grown from 838 to 1,237. The Union Leader says of New Hampshire, "What makes this state stand out is the range of women-led enterprises and the creative approaches they use. [...] women have pioneered innovative production methods and are educating consumers about how food is produced." The increasing participation and leadership of women helps to build stronger communities and economies. Despite these successes, farming is still largely male dominated: only 14% of the nation's principle operators are women. You can celebrate Women's History Month and women's contributions to agriculture by checking out the myriad of resources online, including womenshistorymonth.gov.

